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RECLAMATION CANALS IN YUGOSLAVIA

IRRIGATION IN MACEDONIA -- Politika, No 13028, 13 Sep 48

Construction projects now under way in Macedonia include the irrigation of the Strumica Polje, begun in 1947, and the new project of controlling the Black River at Bitolj. The latter will provide irrigation for 50,000 hectares of arable land, which will then become the largest grainproducing area of Macedonia.

FLCOD-CONTROL CANAL--Rad, No 173, 19 Oct 48

A canal 2 km long will be cut near the village of Grudas in the Toplica district, and the bed of the Toplica River diverted, to prevent flooding of about 70 hectares of fertile land. This year's spring floods caused about a million dinars' worth of damage.

CAMAS MEAR DERVENTA -- Politika, No 13057, 17 Oct 48

Members of the Front at Derventa have started cutting a canal which will connect the mountain stream of Vijaka with Ukrima, and free a large area from annual floods.

WILL SPEED DRAINAGE --- 310 washi Porocevalec, No 221, 16 Sep 48

A flocd-control program is being undertaken in the Ljubljana marsh, which has been flooded badly due to the exceptionally heavy rains of the past summer. Stream and canals in the Skofljica-Pijava, Brezovica, Vrhnika, Borovnica, Ljubljama, Tomiselj, Ig, Dobrova, Siska, and Vic areas will be cleared to facilitate rapid drainage of the surplus water.

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WORK ON BOSMA CONTROL --- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1124, 7 Oct 48

Youth from Bosnia and Hercegovina and the other republics recently began work on a canal to control the Bosna River at Zenica and reclaim land for industrial use. The canal is to be 1,600 meters long, 100 meters wide, and an average depth of 7 meters.

WILL RESTORE 14,000 ACRES --Vjesnik, No 1041, 6 Sep 48

A reclamation canal is now being built to restore 14,000 acres of arable land near Dalj to cultivation. The existing dikes have been usuless against the frequent floods from the Danube. Sinety percent of the work has been finished, and the canal will be ready in 1948.

Other reclamation projects in Slavonia to be undertaken by Odvodnja, the enterprise for regulation and irrigation in Osijek which is building the Dalj canal, include repairs on the canal near Emsice, and construction of dikes between the 17th and 19th km of the Danube and between the third and fifth km near Bijelo Brdo. A dike on the Danube in Baranja will be Cdvodnja's largest project. It will extend from the present dike near Donji Miholjac north to Kopacevo, where it will connect with the existing dike, preventing floods from the Danube and Drava and restoring such land to cultivation.

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